

Cross Party Group on Building Bridges with Israel

Monday 29th September 2025 minutes

Present

MSPs

Jackson Carlaw MSP

John Mason MSP

Fergus Ewing MSP

Douglas Ross MSP

Invited Guests

15 non-MSP group members

Apologies

Murdo Fraser MSP

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and that he will be joining other members of the group on Tuesday 30th September commemorating anniversary of the attacks on 7th October 2024. He mentioned this would be a short and fairly technical meeting relating to the future of the group.

A group member confirmed arrangements for the event and mentioned that there will be a guest speaker who lost a relative in the attacks.

Minutes of CPG AGM held 12 November 2024 approved.

The Convener paid tribute to a non-MSP group member in his cross-faith work to improve community cohesion.

It was clarified that the purpose of the group was to build bridges with the people of Israel across a number of fields – economic, education & the arts and should not be conflated with the Israeli government.

Jackson informed the group about the next meeting on 21st October 2025 and the AGM that will take place before the Christmas recess.

There was a discussion around the subject of tolerance in Scotland.

The Convener invited group members to forward suggestions for future meetings the group would have before the end of the current parliament

There was a discussion on the attacks of 7th October 2024.

There was a discussion of the 21 point peace plan that had been announced during the group's meeting.